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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION STATEMENT OF ELECTION ANOMALIES

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVEN-PAGE STATEMENT ENTITLED
"CAST AWAY ILLUSIONS, UPHOLD PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS*"
SIGNED BY "CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE DOCUMENTATION
TEAM," LISTING NUMEROUS SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF ELECTION
ANOMALIES DURING APRIL 7 ELECTION FOR INTERIM BATASANG
PAMBANSA (IBP). INTRODUCTORY REMARKS CHARACTERIZE
ELECTIONS AS UNPARALLELED IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY:
"UNPARALLELED IN THE TYPES OF ELECTION FRAUDS COMMITTED,
UNPARALLELED IN THE INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS, UNPARALLELED
IN THE USE OF SHEER TERRORISM..." STATEMENT DERIDES
MARCOS' ASSERTIONS THAT ELECTION CONDUCTED IN ORDERLY AND
PEACEFUL MANNER AND THAT ELECTION IS STEP TOWARD
NORMALIZATION. IT CHARGES MARCOS WITH MOBILIZING ENTIRE
MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT TO "FRUSTRATE THE WILL OF THE
PEOPLE" THROUGH THE USE OF INTIMIDATION AND VARIOUS FORMS
OF VOTING FRAUD.

2. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, FOLLOWING IMPLICATIONS CAN BE
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DRAWN FROM ELECTION:

- A) HONEST ELECTIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT
REGIME; IDEA THAT MARCOS IS WILLING TO SHARE POWER IS AN
ILLUSION.
- B) THE ELECTIONS, HOWEVER, DID INDICATE THAT "THE
DICTATORSHIP IS NOT INVINCIBLE" AND THAT OPPOSITION WAS
ABLE TO FRIGHTEN MARCOS; AND

- C) REALIZATION OF A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY "WILL
DEPEND ON THE PEOPLES' CAPACITY TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES
AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP FOR NATIONAL FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY."

3. COMMENT: CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE IS SAME GROUP

WHICH CALLED FOR NOISE RALLY APRIL 15 TO PROTEST ELECTION
RESULTS (REFTEL). EMBASSY BELIEVES PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE IS FORMER SENATOR SALONGA.
EXACT AUTHORSHIP OF THIS DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, IS UNKNOWN.
EMBASSY POUCHING STATEMENT TO EA/PHL. STULL

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